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## **Department of Transportation to Suspend Lane Closures Over July 4th Weekend to Give Motorists a Break**

### ***Illinois State Police and local agencies plan over 300 Roadside Safety Checks and Remind Drivers You Drink You Drive You Lose***

*SPRINGFIELD-* With thousands of people traveling over the upcoming holiday weekend, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced they will be suspending roadwork wherever possible to make for a smoother drive this July 4th weekend. IDOT and Illinois State Police (ISP) also want to remind folks to drive sober in the midst of the 2007 “You Drink & Drive. You Lose” campaign.

IDOT has opened up various construction zones for the July 4th weekend. Restrictions will be in place from 3:00 pm Tuesday, July 3 to midnight on Wednesday, July 4.

“Fourth of July weekend is a great weekend to get together with loved ones and we want to encourage everyone to plan for a safe holiday weekend by not drinking and driving,” IDOT Acting Secretary Sees said. “We’re opening as many lanes as possible, to keep drivers and workers safe and also to make travel as smooth as possible.”

Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits will continue to be in effect in all construction zones. Motorists should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present. The minimum fine for speeding in a work zone is \$375, whether there are workers present or not. Posted signs advise motorists of a \$10,000 fine and 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker.

#### **Drivers Reminded “You Drink & Drive. You Lose”**

In addition this holiday weekend, IDOT and ISP are teaming up with more than 172 local police agencies in an aggressive effort to check for impaired drivers on the roads in Illinois. During the July 4th “You Drink & Drive. You Lose” enforcement campaign, motorists can expect more than 230 roadside safety checks and a number of saturation patrols statewide. The campaign will be carried out from June 25 through July 8.

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## **Permanent Work Zones and Closures Remain in Place**

In the greater Chicagoland area, all lanes on the Edens, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Stevenson, as well as I-80 and I-57 will be open.

However, due to the nature of some projects, there will be construction zones throughout the state that will continue to operate. This work is not expected to impact traffic and will help keep projects on schedule. IDOT is urging motorists to slow down and proceed with caution through these work zones. Holiday travelers are reminded that work zone speed limits are still in effect.

Motorists are advised to check IDOT's Web site [www.illinoisroads.info](http://www.illinoisroads.info) for information regarding road conditions and updates on road construction. IDOT Interstate road condition information is also available at 1-800-452-IDOT (4368).

Areas that will continue to have lane closures are as follows:

### **Alexander County:**

US 60/62-south of of Cairo over the Mississippi River- Bridge painting, one lane open, temporary signals in place.

### **Bureau County:**

US 6, 2 miles west of Hollowayville, Bridge Replacement, ROAD CLOSED, Detour posted.

### **Carroll County:**

ILL 72 from Shannon to ILL 26. The roadway is closed for replacement of six structures. ILL 72 is detoured around the construction area on IL 26, IL 64 and Shannon Road.

### **Christian County:**

IL 48 Northeast of Stonington. Stage Construction for box culvert installation. One lane traffic, controlled by temporary signals.

### **Clay County:**

Route 45 north of Louisville, ¼ mile detour for pavement replacement

### **Clinton County:**

Old U.S. Route 50 is closed at the Shoal Creek structure just east of the Breese city limits. A marked detour is in place utilizing St. Rose Road, New U.S. Route 50 and Stolltown Road. This bridge project is scheduled to be completed and re-opened to traffic by September 2007.

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**Coles County:**

I-57 milepost 193, new interchange construction, no lane restrictions

Route 133 near Oakland, bridge replacement, 1 lane traffic with signals

**Cook County:**

Dan Ryan Expressway-Reconstruction in Chicago- The construction configuration along the inbound and outbound Dan Ryan Expressway is set, with the local lanes completely closed for reconstruction from 71st to 31st. There are now three lanes open from 95th to 71st, four lanes open from 71st to 31st and back to three lanes on the elevated section from 31st to Roosevelt Rd. The outbound and inbound elevated bridge placed into its construction configuration.

IL 7 from 143rd to 135<sup>th</sup>-Bridge reconstruction in Orland Park- Road closed w/ posted detour.

IL 50 (Cicero Avenue) over the North Branch of the Chicago River-Bridge replacement in Chicago- One lane of traffic will be open in each direction at all times.

IL 68 (Dundee Road) over US 14 and Union Pacific RR- Bridge replacement in Inverness.

Oakton Avenue over I-94- Bridge Patching in Niles- One lane open in each direction.

Oak Park Ave-Widening and resurfacing in Oak Forest- SB Oak Park Ave closed (159<sup>th</sup> Street to Justamere Road.

LaPorte Rd. from Wolf Rd. to Anna St.- Resurfacing, Pavement Reconstruction in Mokena- Westbound LaPorte Rd. is closed from Schoolhouse to Kirkstone.

Grand Avenue-roadway reconstruction in Franklin Park-one lane in each direction.

Lively Blvd. from Pratt to Touhy- roadway reconstruction in Elk Grove Village- Northbound only open from Pratt to Touhy.

**DuPage County:**

Bloomington Rd. at IL 19 (Irving Pk. Rd.)-Widening and reconstruction in Itasca- IL 19- reduced to 1 Lane to each direction.

**Effingham County:**

I-57&70 milepost 162, overpass bridge work, no lane restrictions

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**Grundy County:**

Interstate 55, 2 miles south of Gardner, Bridge painting, One lane open each direction.

Ashley Road over Interstate 80, Bridge replacement, road closed, Detour posted.

**Hardin County:**

Illinois 1-2 miles south of Gallatin County- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

Illinois 34-2.1 miles south of Herod- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

Illinois 34/146-1.5 miles east of Illinois Route 146- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

**Iroquois County:**

US 45, 1.5 miles north of Buckley, ROAD CLOSED, Detour posted.

**Jefferson County:**

Illinois 15-Approximately 1.0 mile west of Mt. Vernon- One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals.

Illinois 15-2 miles east of Mt. Vernon- One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals.

**Kane County:**

IL 47 over I-88 (East-West Tollway)- Bridge Replacement in Blackberry Township- IL 47- reduced to 1 Lane to each direction.

North Avenue (IL 64) at Randall Rd.- widening, resurfacing in St. Charles- Two lanes open in each direction on North Ave. & Randall.

Orchard Rd. & Jericho Rd.- Roadway Reconstruction in Kane County-One lane open in each direction.

Wilson Street Bridge over the Fox River- bridge construction in Batavia-one lane open in each direction on north half of the bridge.

Illinois Saint Bridges over the Fox River- bridge construction in Aurora. One lanes open in each direction. Truck detour posted.

**Kankakee County:**

US 45 / 52, 2 miles south of Interstate 57, Bridge deck replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

Illinois 114, 3 miles east of Momence, Bridge replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

**Lake County:**

IL 176 (Rockland Rd.) over US 41 (Skokie Hwy.)- Bridge Replacement In Lake Bluff- There will be lane closure on RTE 176 but one lane in each direction will remain open to traffic at all times.

IL 22 (Half Day Rd.) from IL 83 Mundelein Rd. to US 45/21-roadway reconstruction in Buffalo Grove, Long Grove, Lincolnshire- One lane in each direction with turn lanes at intersections. Tight right turn radius at Prairie Rd. & Main St. on IL 22. 100% of the project has been placed on new pavement of stage 1.

IL 120 @ Hunt Club Road-roadway reconstruction in Gurnee- The WB lanes will be reduced from two to one lane. Temporary concrete Barrier Wall and Temporary Impact attenuator will be installed to enhance the safety of the Motoring Public and Construction Personnel at this location.

IL 22 from Beusching to Quentin Rd.- Roadway widening and reconstruction in Lake Zurich- One lane in each direction, with turn lanes at signalized intersections will be maintained. Traffic is currently on newly built pavement in all directions. All lanes are expected to be open by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Half Day road bridge over the Skokie River- Bridge removal and replacement in Highland Park- One lane in each direction, controlled by temporary signals over the Memorial Day weekend.

IL 120 @ Hunt Club Road-reconstruction in Gurnee- One lane is closed in each direction along RTE 120 @ Hunt Club Road. Lane closure is accomplished by Concrete Barrier Wall, Arrow Boards and Barricades.

Butterfield Rd. from Hardin Ave. to IL 137- Reconstruction & Widening in Libertyville-one lane open in each direction.

Buffalo Grove Rd. over Indian Creek-bridge reconstruction in Vernon Hills- Vernon Hills & Buffalo Grove One lane in each direction. Possible weight restrictions.

**LaSalle County:**

Interstate 39, MP 55, Deck replacement on the Abe Lincoln Bridge, One lane open each direction.

US 6, ½ mile west of Interstate 39, Bridge deck replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

US 6, 1 mile west of Interstate 39, Bridge removal, ROAD CLOSED, Detour posted, BEGINNING JULY 5, 2007.

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Illinois 71, Starved Rock State Park, Bridge replacement ROAD CLOSED, Detour posted.

Illinois 71, 5 miles west of Ottawa, Bridge replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

Illinois 178, 2 miles south of US 6, Bridge replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

**Livingston County:**

Illinois 17, 4 miles east of Dwight, Bridge deck replacement, One lane open, controlled by signals.

**Logan County:**

IL 10 West of New Holland. Stage Construction for bridge construction. One lane traffic, controlled by temporary signals.

**Macoupin County:**

IL 4 Six mile south of IL 108 (Bridge Replacement). One lane traffic controlled by signals.

Old IL 4 2.7 miles north of Carlinville (Box Culvert Replacement). Road Closed. IL 4 is still open.

**Madison County:**

One lane will be closed both eastbound and westbound on I-70 west of the IL Rte. 4 interchange. This lane reduction is necessary to repair the bridge deck surface on the structure carrying I-70 over Wendell Branch Creek. The bridge work is part of a larger project which includes resurfacing I-70 from the I-55/70/270 interchange to west of IL Rte. 4. The entire project is expected to be completed by June, 2008.

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered on Fruit Road east of Edwardsville. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing bridge surface carrying Fruit Road over I-55. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2007.

**McDonough County:**

US 67 near Industry, New Bridge Construction, one lane open. Controlled by signals.

**McHenry County:**

Streit Road over the north branch of the Kishwaukee River-bridge replacement in Harvard-bridge closed. Advance warning posted.

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**Morgan County:**

US 67/IL 100 0.5 miles North of IL 104 at Meredosia. Stage Construction for box culvert construction. One lane traffic, controlled by temporary signals.

**Peoria County:**

Interstate 474, at IL Route 6 and I-74 interchange. Eastbound and Westbound reduced to two lanes for Bridge repair work.

**Pope County:**

Illinois 146-0.25 miles east of Illinois 145- One lane bridge construction with traffic controlled by temporary signals.

**Putnam County:**

IL 71 is closed 3 ½ mile west of Il Route 89 for Bridge replacement, traffic detoured to IL 26 south to IL 18 east to IL 89 and then north to IL 71 when traveling east and to IL 89 south to IL 18 west to IL 26 north to IL 71.

**Randolph County:**

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered along Illinois Route 154 approximately 3.5 miles west of Sparta. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing bridge beams on the structure carrying Illinois Route 154 over Plum Creek. The project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2007.

**Rock Island County:**

ILL 92 over Mill Creek 0.4 miles north of Andalusia Road. ILL 92 is restricted to one lane in each direction as the bridge decks are rehabbed one half at a time.

Poppy Garden Road over I-80 east of Colona. Poppy Garden Road is closed as the bridge over I-80 has been removed for replacement with a new structure. Traffic is detoured on U.S. 6.

I-280 over the Mississippi River. I-280 is reduced to one lane in each direction due to the containment enclosures set up for painting and sand blasting of the bridge.

**Saline County:**

US 45 In Eldorado at intersection with Illinois 142- Intersection reconstruction, no turn lanes available.

Illinois 13 In Harrisburg, Veteran's Drive & Granger Street- Local city streets closed for construction.

Illinois 34 North edge of Harrisburg at Small Street- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

**Sangamon County:**

IL 104 4 miles West of Auburn. Stage Construction for box culvert construction. One lane traffic, controlled by temporary signals.

**Stark County:**

IL 91 over Jack Creek north of Toulon is closed; traffic detoured to a detour run around.

**St. Clair County:**

Westbound I-55/70/64 ramp to southbound Tudor Avenue is closed for deck repairs. Motorists traveling westbound on I-55/70/64 wanting to travel southbound to Tudor Avenue should follow the marked detour to Seventh Street in St. Louis, Missouri. This ramp is scheduled to be completed and opened by October 31, 2007.

A lane shift and restriction will be encountered along Illinois Route 161 just west of Illinois Route 159 in Fairview Heights. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 2007.

A lane shift and restriction will be encountered along Illinois Route 13/15 just east of Green Mount Road. The project is scheduled to be completed by the Fall of 2008.

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered along Illinois Route 158/177 just east of North Green Mount Road near Belleville. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing structure carrying Illinois Route 158/177 over Loop Creek. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2007.

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered along Illinois Route 156 east of Hecker. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing structure carrying Illinois Route 156 over Richland Creek. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2007.

Lane width restrictions will be encountered along Illinois Route 159 just north of the Belleville square and south of Illinois Route 161 in Belleville. The work will be completed in three stages and one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Concrete barrier wall will be used to separate the north and southbound traffic across the existing bridge. These lane width restrictions are needed to replace the bridge deck, and work is to be completed by November of 2007.

**Tazewell County:**

IL Route 29 in North Pekin Northbound and Southbound reduced to one lane for Bridge replacement



IL Route 98 is closed 3 ½ mile East of Route 29 for Bridge Replacement, traffic detoured to IL 29 to IL 9 to I-155 if traveling east and I-155 to IL 9 to IL 29 when traveling west.

IL 122 east of Minier, reduced to one lane for bridge replacement, controlled by signal

**Washington County:**

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered along Illinois Route 15 approximately 1 mile east of Illinois Route 127. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing bridge beams on the structure carrying Illinois Route 15 over Nashville Creek. The project is expected to be completed by the Summer of 2007.

Staged construction utilizing temporary traffic signals will be encountered along Illinois Route 177 approximately 1 mile east of Hoyleton. This lane restriction is necessary to replace the existing bridge beams on the structure carrying Illinois Route 177 over Grand Point Creek. The project is expected to be completed by the Summer of 2007.

**White County:**

Illinois 14 3.5 miles east of Crossville- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

U.S. 45-1.5 miles south of Mill Shoals- Temporary traffic signals. One lane bridge controlled by temporary signals.

**Whiteside County:**

US 30 bridge over the bridge over the Mississippi River between Fulton, IL and Clinton, Iowa. Traffic is restricted to one lane and controlled by temporary traffic signals while the structure is being painted one half at a time. Traffic is encouraged to use the IL 136 bridge one mile to one mile to the north to avoid the delays at the US 30 bridge.

**Will County:**

US 30 from Essington to Larkin- Reconstruction in Crest Hill and Joliet-2 lanes in each direction with a center turn lane.

159<sup>th</sup> Street (US Route 6) under CNRR Bridge-Bridge reconstruction in Harvey. Narrow lanes on 159<sup>th</sup> under CN RR bridge.

I-55 from I-80 to Weber - Bridge and Interchange Reconstruction in Troy Township- Lane shifts, narrow lanes, drop in speed limit to 55 mph at various work zone locations. Occasional night time lane closures.

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**Winnebago County:**

ILL 2 at Clifton Avenue near the south edge of Rockford. ILL 2 is reduced to one lane in each direction as the four lane roadway is being replaced one half at a time for reconstruction of the intersection to widen the pavement and add turn lanes.

ILL 75 bridge over Timothy Creek near Harrison. Bridge deck replacement restricts traffic to one lane controlled by traffic signals.

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